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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination:

In the Specification

On page 1, immediately following the title "High Temperature Resistant Saline Soluble Fibres" kindly insert the following paragraph:

--This application claims priority to Great Britain Application No. 9921504.8 filed on September 10, 1999 and Great Britain Application No. 9924867.6 filed on October 20, 1999 and International Application No. PCT/GB00/03275 filed on August 24, 2000 and published in English as International Publication Number WO 01/19744 A1 on March 23, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--